

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/880,145

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 – 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently amended) A strip of electric contact springs for an electrical connector, said springs being integral at their lengthwise ends with two continuous side strips, the springs being displaced from a plane of said side strips by twisting about their respective longitudinal axes, ~~wherein said axes of said springs are perpendicular to a lengthwise direction of the strip,~~ said strip being made of a material having elastic spring properties, wherein each spring includes at least two faces, and at least a central portion of one face of each spring is coated with an electrically conductive coating, and wherein ~~one of the edges~~ an edge of each spring is folded down as a hem in the direction which causes the electrically conductive coating to appear on an outside portion of the fold, and wherein

~~the said side strips are pleated and include a plurality of side tongues, the side tongues being of less thickness than the pleated side strips.~~

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) A strip of electrical contact springs, wherein:
said springs are elastic and include at least two surfaces, wherein only one of the surfaces is coated with an electrically conductive coating; and

said springs include two ends with a first end connected to a first side strip and a second end connected to a second side strip, wherein said springs each rotate on an axis, said axis drawn

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from where said first end connects to said first side strip to where said second end connects to said second side strip, wherein a plane created by said at least two surfaces of said springs is oblique to a plane created by said first and second side strips, and wherein said side strips are pleated.

6. . (Previously Presented) The strip of claim 5, wherein said pleated side strips further include side tongues, said side tongues not being pleated and being of lesser thickness than said pleated side strips.

7. (New) The strip of claim 3, wherein said side strips are pleated and the quality of being pleated brings said springs closer to one another.